



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Reference – Request for Proposal:	301-20-124 Industrial Hemp Testing Services
RFP Dated:	May 27, 2020
Proposals Due:	June 24, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST
Buyer:	Kevin Steinbrecher Director of Procurement and Support Services

The following questions and answers are provided.

1. Which is the preferred methodology VDACS would like to see?

The RFP does not state a preference. VDACS needs to be sure the test results we receive reflect a post-decarboxylation method or some other similarly reliable method. VDACS will assess compliance using the total available delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration.

2. How many samples at a time do you think would be received?

VDACS anticipates collecting about 400 samples over a four (4) week period. VDACS cannot provide greater detail than this, as sample delivery depends on variables such as plant maturity and the timing of inspectors' schedules.

3. Will all the responses to the questions be provided to everyone?

Yes, if there is no addendum, VDACS will post a Question and Answer (Q & A) document in eVA and the VDACS website.

4. Does VDACS have a stipulated time/retention period for hemp samples (hot or otherwise) before destruction?

The Awarded Offeror(s) shall destroy industrial hemp samples with an acceptable THC concentration in a manner that complies with relevant law within five (5) business days of receiving notice from VDACS that the samples may be destroyed. The timeframe within which VDACS will provide the Awarded Offeror(s) with such notice will depend on a number of factors, but VDACS does not expect that the Awarded Offeror(s) will retain industrial hemp samples with an acceptable THC concentration for longer than three months after delivering reports of sample analysis to VDACS.

The Awarded Offeror(s) shall make available to VDACS, upon request from VDACS, those industrial hemp samples that VDACS determines do not have an acceptable THC concentration. The timeframe within which VDACS will collect such samples from the Awarded Offeror(s) will depend on a number of factors, but VDACS expects to collect those industrial hemp samples that VDACS determines do not have an acceptable THC concentration within one week of receiving reports of sample analysis from the Awarded Offeror(s).